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HEALTH FOUNDATION AWARDS OVER 3 MILLION DOLLARS IN GRANTS TO IMPROVE HEALTH FOR THOUSANDS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS

MIAMI, FL- Health Foundation of South Florida announced awards from \$40,000 to \$400,000 to 15 nonprofit health organizations in Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. The awards, which totals just over \$3 million, were made to grantees during the recent grant cycle. Currently, there are 124 nonprofit health organizations located in Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties receiving funding from the Foundation.

“Supporting the essential efforts of nonprofits working to improve the health of underserved individuals and families in South Florida is at the core our mission” said Health Foundation Chairwoman Susan Kelley. She added, “We are proud to partner with grantees in addressing community needs and ensuring that residents have opportunities for better health.”

Organizations recently receiving funding in Miami-Dade County from Health Foundation of South Florida include: **American Heart Association**, \$400,000 to provide support and technical assistance to schools to develop healthy school environments; **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami**, \$103,341 to develop and provide a healthy lifestyles program for children and parents to increase knowledge, improve attitudes and behaviors toward healthy eating and physical activity and **Florida Heart Research Institute**, \$125,000 to help high-risk individuals monitor their blood pressure and cholesterol levels for referral to appropriate care management of their conditions.

Funds were also awarded to: **Jesse Trice Community Health Center**, \$380,000 to expand an oral health program; **Miami Beach Community Health Center**, \$200,000 to expand health care access in an underserved community; **The Bertha Abess Children's Center, Inc.**, \$138,000 to upgrade technology systems; **The Sundari Foundation, Inc.**, \$97,000 to provides dental care services, primary health care and eyeglasses to homeless women and the **University of Miami**, \$175,000 to establish a cervical cancer screening and prevention program.

In Broward County, Health Foundation awarded grants to: **Broward Community College Foundation (BCCF)**, \$266,000 to establish an oral health clinic; **Broward Health**, \$241,850 to provide linkage to health care for needy children living with

grandparents and other relatives; **Henderson Mental Health Center**, \$200,000 to upgrade a information management system; **Memorial Foundation, Inc**, \$200,000 to provide primary health care to residents of targeted underserved neighborhoods and promote enrollment in publicly subsidized programs;
Nova Southeastern University, \$256,145 to expand community outreach and dental care programs and the **YMCA of Broward County, Inc**, \$40,000 to pilot a healthy lifestyle promotion program.

In addition, Health Foundation awarded a grant to **University of Florida**, \$200,000 to train physicians to do oral health assessments, education and fluoride varnish in South Florida.

Health Foundation of South Florida strengthens our region to be a beacon of innovative and effective multicultural approaches to health care. As a grant making foundation, its mission is to expand access to affordable, quality health care for underserved individuals in Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties by focusing on healthy lifestyles, preventive measures, primary care and oral health. Since 1993, the Foundation awarded more than \$75 million in grants and direct program support. For more information, please call 305.374.7200 or visit the Web site, www.hfsf.org.

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